



## MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 4 (C)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Javier D. Souto and  
Members, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee

DATE: November 12, 2003

FROM: George M. Burgess  
County Manager

SUBJECT: Tropical Park Boxing  
Center Report

On October 29, 2003 Senator Javier D. Souto requested a report on the status and condition of Tropical Park's Dr. Mickey Demos Amateur Boxing Center. He also requested information on plans for future improvements to the Boxing Center.

Currently, the Boxing Center's restrooms, showers, and equipment storage areas are undergoing renovations funded at \$170,000. These renovations are projected to be complete by the end of January 2004 and affect approximately one-third of the building's area. The Boxing Center remains open while renovations are underway; however, the construction work does cause dust and debris while workers are present. The contractor's workers and the Boxing Center staff clean the facility on a regular basis.

Future unfunded improvements include a new roof and the renovation and expansion of the Boxing Center's programming areas from 2000 square feet to 4000 square feet. These improvements will accommodate additional areas for spectators, weight training and conditioning. Total project cost for these improvements is estimated at \$370,000 and has been included as a proposed General Obligation Bond project.

  
Assistant County Manager